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SINGAPORE CRACKDOWN

I. An encouraging note in the Far East is the success, to date, of a vigorous crackdown on Singapore's Communists by the Colony's Chief Minister, Lim Yew Hock.

- A. The objective of Lim's drive, launched last week, is the destruction of the pro-Communist "Peoples Action Party" as a political force in Singapore.
Singapore Chinese,
- B. Seven ~~individuals~~, all leaders of Communist Front organizations affiliated with the Peoples Action Party, have been arrested and ~~six are scheduled~~ ~~and scheduled~~ for deportation to Red China.
- C. The Chinese middle school students' union, ~~has~~ long active in Communist Front agitation in Singapore, has been banned.

D. More arrests are planned, and Lim plans a progressive cut-down on various front organization activities.

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II. The Peoples Action Party, and its supporters, have clearly been caught off-guard by the Government push.

- A. Thusfar, the Communists have avoided a head-on clash with the Government.
- B. Lim has publicly declared that any illegal action by the Communists will be "ruthlessly wiped out".

III. The present drive, if successful, will brighten the prospects for self-government in Singapore.

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- B. Success in cleaning out Singapore's communists ~~will~~ also improve the prospects for eventual merger with an independent Malaya.